

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 7, 11, 14-18, 20, 21 and 31, amend claims 1, 32 and 35, and add new claim 36. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger for attachment with a fastener to a substrate when the fastener is driven into the substrate and frictionally held in the substrate, the rod hanger for securing a rod to the substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion defining a perimeter edge, having generally planar top and bottom surfaces, said generally planar top surface configured for engaging the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener and having a hole extending between said top and bottom surfaces configured for engaging the fastener;

a rod receiving portion configured for threadably receiving the rod;

a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion; and

at least four anti-rotation elements on said mounting portion generally planar top surface spaced apart from said hole, spaced apart from said perimeter edge and configured for penetratingly engaging the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener in place and for counteracting a moment acting upon said rod hanger as the rod is threadably received by said rod receiving portion, said anti-rotation elements having one of a generally hemisphered shape and a generally truncated hollow cone shape.

2. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod receiving portion defines a generally planar shape.

3-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod receiving portion includes a lip formation disposed about said hole and configured to threadably engage the rod.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod hanger defines a unitary body with a generally uniform thickness.

13-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said mounting portion defines a plane, said hole defines a circumference of 360°, and wherein said at least four anti-rotation elements are disposed along said plane uniformly from said hole and spaced from one another by about 90° along the circumference of said hole.

27-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger of claim ~~31~~36 and wherein said resilient cover is formed of a polymer and extends fully over said anti-rotation member, and is secured to said anti-rotation members by one of a chemical adhesive or thermoforming.

33. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said hole extending between said mounting portion top and bottom surfaces is defined by a substantially smooth sidewall.

34. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein the fastener has a shaft portion, and wherein said hole extending between said mounting portion top and bottom surfaces has a diameter substantially larger than the shank portion and is thereby configured to allow the shank portion to pass freely therethrough.

35. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger for attachment with a fastener to a substrate when the fastener is driven into the substrate and frictionally held in the substrate, the fastener including a shank portion, the rod hanger for securing a rod to the substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion defining a perimeter edge, having generally planar top and bottom surfaces, said generally planar top surface configured for engaging the

substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener, having a hole extending between said top and bottom surfaces configured for engaging the fastener, said hole defined by a smooth sidewall and having a diameter substantially larger than said fastener shank portion configured to allow the shank portion to pass freely therethrough;

a rod receiving portion configured for threadably receiving the rod;

a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion;

at least four anti-rotation elements on said mounting portion generally planar top surface spaced apart from said hole, spaced apart from said perimeter edge and configured for engaging and penetrating the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener in place and for counteracting a moment acting upon said rod hanger as the rod is threadably received by said rod receiving portion; and,

a resilient cover formed of a polymer extending fully over said at least four anti-rotation members for enhancing the adhesion of the mounting portion with the substrate; said resilient cover secured to said anti-rotation members by one of a chemical adhesive or thermoforming.

36. (New) A rod hanger for attachment with a fastener to a substrate when the fastener is driven into the substrate and frictionally held in the substrate, the rod hanger for securing a rod to the substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion defining a perimeter edge, having generally planar top and bottom surfaces, said generally planar top surface configured for engaging the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener and having a hole extending between said top and bottom surfaces configured for engaging the fastener;

a rod receiving portion configured for threadably receiving the rod;

a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion; and,

at least four anti-rotation elements on said mounting portion generally planar top surface spaced apart from said hole, spaced apart from said perimeter edge and configured for penetratingly engaging the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener in place and for counteracting a moment acting upon said rod hanger as the rod is threadably received by said rod receiving portion, and further including a resilient cover for enhancing the adhesion of the mounting portion with the substrate.